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SUBJECT: RHODESIA CONFERENCE: PROCESSES LEADING TO INDEPENDENCE

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FOR SCHAUFLE FROM WISNER

THE FOLLOWING IS THE LISTING OF THE NECESSARY PROCESSES
LEADING TO INDEPENDENCE WHICH THE BRITISH LEGAL
ADVISERS DREW UP AND PRESENTED TO THE RHODESIAN AND
NATIONALIST DELEGATIONS. THIS OUTLINE HAS SERVED AS
THE BASIS FOR CONFERENCE DISCUSSIONS ON WHAT STEPS
MUST BE COMPLETED DURING THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD.

A. FORMAL CONCLUSION OF PRESENT CONFERENCE.

B. ENACTMENT OF LEGISLATION TO ESTABLISH INTERIM
ADMINISTRATION - INTERIM ADMINISTRATION THEN COMES
INTO EXISTENCE.

C. ESTABLISHMENT BY INTERIM ADMINISTRATION OF MACHINERY
FOR WORKING OUT OF PROPOSALS FOR INDEPENDENCE CONSTITUTION.

D. MACHINERY ESTABLISHED UNDER (C) WORKS OUT SUBSTANCE
OF PROPOSALS FOR INDEPENDENCE CONSTITUTION.

E. INTERIM ADMINISTRATION FORMULATES AGREED

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PROPOSALS (AND IDENTIFIES ANY REMAINING POINTS NOT

YET AGREED) BASED ON WORK DONE IN STAGE (D).

F. HOLDING OF CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE TO RESOLVE
ANY OUTSTANDING POINTS AND GIVE FORMAL APPROVAL TO
PROPOSALS FOR INDEPENDENCE CONSTITUTION.

G. SETTING-UP OF MACHINERY FOR ELECTIONS ON BASIS
OF AGREED PROVISIONS IN INDEPENDENCE CONSTITUTION.

(I) REGISTRATION OF VOTERS.

(II) DELIMITATION OF CONSTITUENCIES.

(III) ENACTMENT OF ELECTORAL LAWS.

H. DRAFTING, CLEARING AND SETTLING OF INDEPENDENCE
CONSTITUTION.

I. DRAFTING AND ENACTMENT OF INDEPENDENCE BILL BY
UK PARLIAMENT AND MAKING OF INDEPENDENCE
CONSTITUTION ORDER IN COUNCIL.

J. HOLDING OF ELECTIONS AND COMPLETION OF
FORMALITIES FOR INDEPENDENCE.

K. INDEPENDENCE DAY.ABRAMS

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